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### COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION, WILMINGTON/GRAMMERCY RIGHT-OF-WAY, TRANSMISSION TOWERS 1038-1050, LOS ANGELES

Dear Community Member:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to complete and return a community survey assessing public interest in an environmental investigation for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) Wilmington/Grammercy Right-of-Way site (Site). The Site is located adjacent to the Harbor (I-110) Freeway from Gardena Boulevard south towards the intersection of Figueroa Street and San Diego Freeway (I-405), between Transmission Towers 1050 and 1038. The goal of our agency is to restore and protect the environment by conducting and overseeing cleanups. Your responses will help shape upcoming public participation opportunities associated with this investigation. Please complete the survey questionnaire and mail it back to DTSC by May 7, 2004.

The Site and vicinity were first developed in the late 1920's. By the mid-1940's, the area north of the Site was utilized as agricultural farmland or remained undeveloped. Areas east, south, and southwest of the site were primarily used for oil and gas exploration, industrial activities and some residential land usage. A portion of an industrial sump existed between Transmission Towers 1039 and 1040. In the mid 1950's, during construction and expansion of the I-110 Freeway, CalTrans excavated material from the industrial sump and deposited it along the Site. Clean soil was used to fill the excavated area. Areas north and west were later developed with residential homes. Areas south and east were developed into commercial and industrial facilities. Currently, the Site is unpaved and leased to several nursery businesses. The property owner, LADWP, as part of its ongoing environmental review program, voluntarily conducted investigations from January through June 1998, and January and February 2002. The investigations identified the former industrial sump location and nine (9) areas where the excavated sump material was spread. Samples collected indicate the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), gasoline petroleum hydrocarbons and metals. DTSC determined further investigation of the soils and groundwater beneath the Site is necessary.

If you have any questions regarding the Site, please contact Mr. Joseph Cully, Project Manager at (714) 484-5473. If you have any questions regarding public participation activities, please call me at (714) 484-5354 or e-mail me at [slear@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:slear@dtsc.ca.gov). Thank you for your assistance in completing the enclosed community survey questionnaire.

Sincerely,

Stacey Lear  
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Public Participation Unit

Enclosure – Community Survey Questionnaire



State of California  
Department of Toxic Substances Control



LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER  
WILMINGTON/GRAMERCY TRANSMISSION LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY (W/G ROW) SITE

**COMMUNITY SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE**

You may also send us your survey responses by e-mail, to [slear@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:slear@dtsc.ca.gov)

1) How long have you lived or worked in the area?

☐ 0-5 years      ☐ 6-12 years      ☐ 13-20 years      ☐ 21 or more years

2) Prior to reading the attached letter, were you aware that a former industrial sump and sump material spreading areas are present at the W/G ROW site?      ☐ YES      ☐ NO

If YES, where did you acquire your prior knowledge about the site?

☐ Newspapers      ☐ Neighbors      ☐ Relatives  
☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

3) What is your current level of interest in this site?

☐ None      ☐ Low to moderate      ☐ Moderate to high

4) Do you have any specific concerns about this site or project? If so, please describe:

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5) Have you had any contact with local, state or other officials regarding this site?

☐ YES →→ If YES, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ NO \_\_\_\_\_

6) Have you had any contact with the owners of this site or those responsible for its cleanup?

☐ YES →→ If YES, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ NO \_\_\_\_\_

7) Are you interested in receiving information about the investigation and future work?

☐ YES →→ If YES, what is the best way?      ☐ Fact Sheets or Letters  
☐ NO      ☐ Community Meetings  
   ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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8) What languages are spoken in your community? \_\_\_\_\_

If you named a language besides English, do you feel that future communication to community members regarding this site should be written in this language?      ☐ YES      ☐ NO

9) Can you suggest any other person or groups that might be interested in receiving information about this site or the work proposed for it?

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10) Please let us know of any other comments or questions.

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**—Mailing Coupon—**

*If you are interested in being added or taken off of the distribution list for mail related to the W/G ROW Site, please fill in this mailing coupon and mail it to the address below.*

☐ Please place me on the distribution list for future materials related to this site.

☐ Please remove my name from the distribution list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail the questionnaire and mailing coupon to the following address:**

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